HA-1335

1894

Mrs. Hopkins Tenant House
124 Archer Street
Bel Air
Private

This well-kept little shotgun house was built by Amanda Hopkins (Mrs. J. T. C. Hopkins) as a tenant house. The fishscale shingles in the front gable give it a touch of style most of its neighbors lack, as does its L-shaped porch. It has been enlarged by additions, and its well landscaped yard and tidy appearance mark it as one of the more attractive homes on Archer Street.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Mrs. Hopkins' Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON
Wyche House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
124 Archer Street

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Otis G. Wyche

Telephone #: 838-9456

STREET & NUMBER
124 Archer Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 727
Folio #: 418

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This T-shaped two and a half story frame house is at 124 Archer Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is covered in asphalt shingle. It was a shot-gun style house but the enclosure of part of the rear side porch on the south and the addition of a screen and frame porch on the back of the north elevation gave it its present T-shape. The original block presents its gable end to the street. The gable sports fish scale shingles and a six pane casement window in a plain surround. The rest of the windows are 2/2 double-hung sash framed in shutters. The south front window in the first story front (east) elevation reaches to the floor. The entrance is topped by a two pane horizontal transom. The first story on the front (east) and south is shaded by a hipped roofed porch carried on plain posts. It has a solid balustrade. The back (west) portion of the porch has been enclosed. A shed roofed screen porch has been added in the same bays on the north side. A center chimney with a corbelled cap in the ridge of the gable completes this simple, well-kept house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1894 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This attractive little house was built in the Hays Addition of Bel Air in 1894 by Amanda Hopkins (Mrs. J.T.C. Hopkins) on land she bought from the Bel Air Land Company (82/27). The Hays Addition was named for merchant Thomas Hays who left the land to his children when he died in 1861 (will 7/752).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1166 in the Town of Bel Air, 125.01' x 100.68'.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

DATE
14 June 1979

ORGANIZATION
Town of Bel Air

TELEPHONE
838-8700

STREET & NUMBER
39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1335

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Wyche House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Mrs. Hopkins' Tenant House

PRESENT USE: Private residence

ORIGINAL USE: " "

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 124 Archer St.
Bel Air, Md. 21014

COMMON NAME: Wyche House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence

OWNER: Otis G. Wyche
ADDRESS: 124 Archer St.
Bel Air, Md.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent (X) Good ( )
Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1894

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone( )Brick( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
2. Wall Structure
   A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( )Balloon( )
   B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( )Stone( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( )
   C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( )Board and Batten( )Wood Shingle( )Shiplap( )
   Novelty( )Stucco( )Sheet Metal( )Aluminum( )Asphalt Shingle(X)
   Brick Veneer( )Stone Veneer( )
   Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
   A. Truss: Wood( )Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( )
   B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle( )Sheet Metal( )
   Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches(X)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys(X)Sheds(X)Ells(X)
Wings ( )Other:

Roof Style: Gable(X)Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( )
Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( )
Other:

Number of Stories: 2-½

Number of Bays: 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: Archer

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat(X)Zoning( )Roads( )
Development( )Deterioration( )
Alteration ( )Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive( )Negative( )
Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Shot-gun added to rear side (south) porch enclosed, screened in back porch on north gable end to street, fish scale shingles on front (east) elevation & 6 pane casement in plain surround. Other windows 2/2 ground floor front (east) south bay window long 2/2 (to floor) shutters on all windows narrow 2 pane transom over entrance (north bay of east elevation) hipped roof porch on plain posts with solid balustrade.

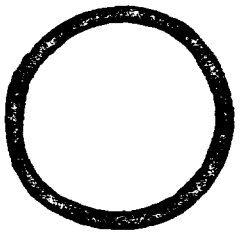
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Late 19th century working man's housing
Today well kept on carefully tended lot: owner-occupied

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up( )
Residential(x)Commercial( )
Agricultural( )Industrial( )
Roadside Strip Development( )
Other:

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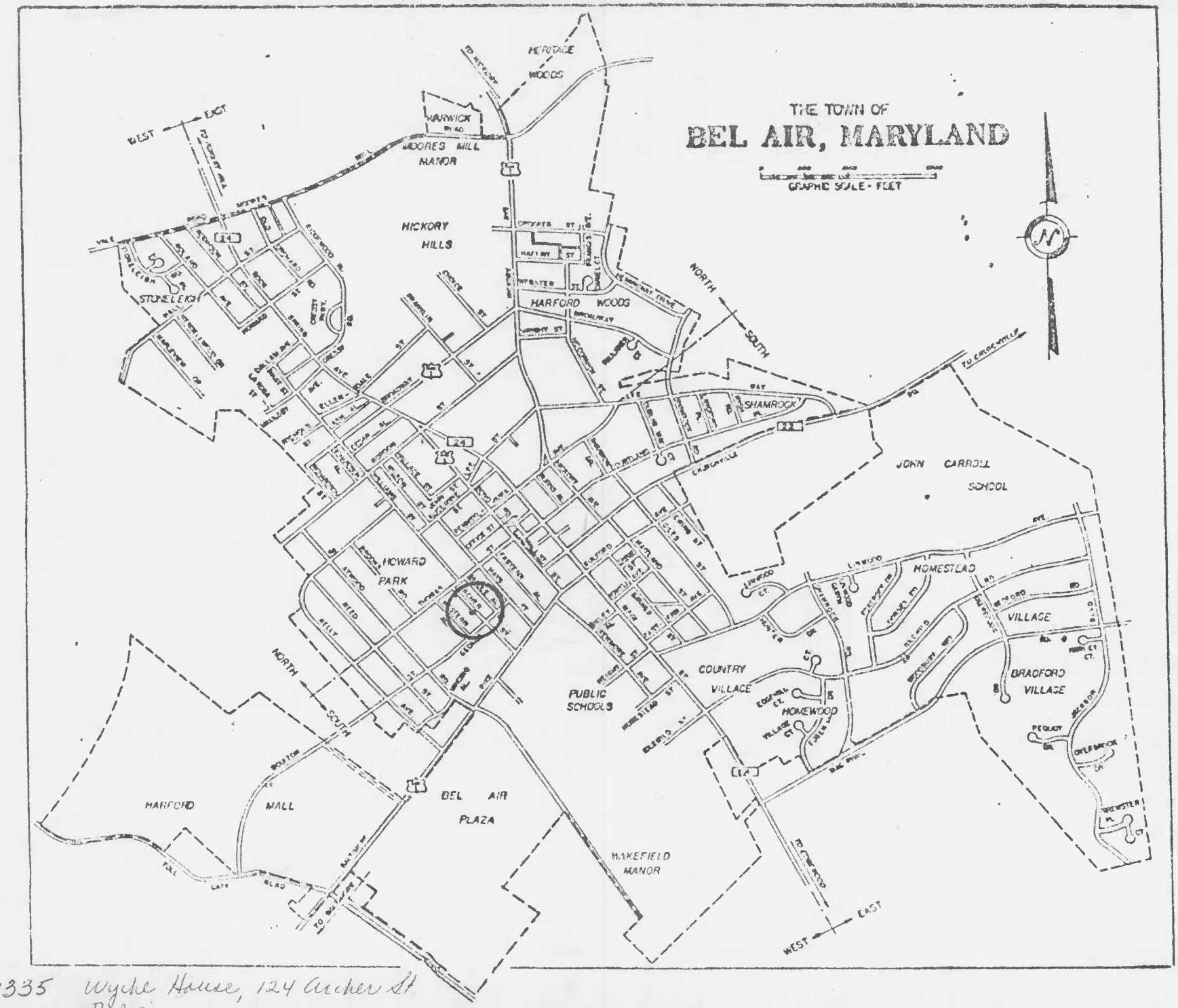
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
13 June 1979
DATE RECORDED:



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Bel Air

HA-1335 Whyte House, 124 Archer St., Bel Air
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